

MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
Monday, March 13, 2006
7:00 p.m.

The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) requests public comment on the projects, listed below, which are currently under consideration for funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund (Saltwater Recreational Fishing License funds). A public hearing on these proposals will be held on Monday, March 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., at the Virginia Marine Resource Commission, 2600 Washington Avenue, Fourth Floor, Newport News. Any person may comment on these projects or any issue related to the license funds. Written comments on the proposals should be mailed to: Sonya Davis, VMRC Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 or E-mail to: sonya.davis@mrc.virginia.gov In May, the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board recommendations on projects to be funded will be presented to the Commission. This meeting notice, as well as complete project proposals, are available on the Internet at <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.htm>

For more information, contact Sonya Davis:
Telephone: 757-247-8155
E-mail: sonya.davis@mrc.virginia.gov

Tentative Agenda

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Review of Minutes from the January 2006 RFAB Meeting.
- IV. Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.
 - A) 2006 CCA Tidewater Youth Fishing Day (Year 9). Tom Johnson, CCA Tidewater Chapter. \$6,000.
 - B) 2006 Saxis Fishing Pier Youth Fishing Tournament (Year 5). Allen Evans, Eastern Shore of Virginia Angler's Club. \$1,500.
 - C) 2006 Morley's Wharf Youth Fishing Tournament (Year 5). Allen Evans, Eastern Shore of Virginia Angler's Club. \$1,500.
 - D) Enhancing Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat: Research and Education for Restoration (Year 12). Robert Orth, VIMS. \$81,350.

- E) Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel, *Anguilla rostrata*, in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay (Year 6). Marcel Montane, VIMS. \$31,683.
- F) Impact on Mycobacteriosis on the Striped Bass Recreational Fishery in Chesapeake Bay, Year 2: What is the Fate of Infected Fish? J. Hoenig, W. Vogelbein, D. Gauthier, VIMS. \$88,500.

V. New Projects.

- G) Visual Function in Chesapeake Bay Sport and Prey Fishes: Summer Flounder, Bluefish, Cobia, and Atlantic Menhaden. A. Horodysky, R. Brill, R. Latour VIMS. \$44,279.
- H) 2006 Sunshine Children's Fishing Program. Denny Dobbins, Portsmouth Angler's Club. \$6,954.
- I) Ocean View Bay Savers Fishing Pier. Lauren Campsen, Principal, Ocean View Elementary Maritime School. \$108,614.
- J) 2006 Early Summer Children's Fishing Program. Charlie Johnson, Northampton County Angler's Club. \$1,100.
- K) Using Virginia's Recreational Fishers in a Sea Turtle Tagging Study. Christina Trapani, Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Team. \$4,600.
- L) Understanding Localized Movements and Habitat Associations of Summer Flounder in Chesapeake Bay Using Passive Acoustic Arrays. M. Fabrizio, J. Lucy, VIMS. \$134,306.
- M) Towards Validation of Juvenile Indices of Abundance for Several Fish Species in Chesapeake Bay. R. Latour, C. Bonzek, M. Fabrizio, VIMS. \$60,916.

VI. Discussion of Budget Amendments for Previously Contracted Access Projects.

VII. Date for Future First Cycle 2006 RFAB Meetings.

Review (5:30 p.m.) & Final (7 p.m.) May 8

VMRC DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; THEREFORE, IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO A DISABILITY, PLEASE ADVISE SONYA DAVIS 757-247-8155 NO LESS THAN 5 WORK DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING TIME AND IDENTIFY YOUR NEEDS.